

Senate Study Bill 3120 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES AND
ENVIRONMENT BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON SWEENEY)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to hunter education requirements.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 483A.27, subsection 1, Code 2026, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. A person born after January 1, 1972, shall not obtain a
4 hunting license unless the person has satisfactorily completed a
5 hunter education course approved by the commission. A person
6 who is eleven years of age or ~~more~~ older may enroll in an
7 approved hunter education course, but a person who is eleven
8 years of age and who has successfully completed the course shall
9 be issued a certificate of completion ~~which~~ that becomes valid on
10 the person's twelfth birthday. A certificate of completion from
11 an approved hunter education course issued in this state, or a
12 certificate issued by another state, country, or province or by
13 a nationally recognized organization for completion of a course
14 that meets the standards adopted by the international hunter
15 education association — United States of America, is valid for
16 the requirements of this section.

17 Sec. 2. Section 483A.27, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
18 following new subsection:

19 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. A person may satisfy the hunter
20 education requirements required under this section by completing
21 an online hunter education course offered or approved by the
22 department. Completion of an in-person field day shall not
23 be required for successful completion of the course but may be
24 offered by the department or the person offering the course as an
25 optional supplemental opportunity.

26 EXPLANATION

27 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
28 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

29 This bill relates to hunter education requirements.

30 Under current law, a person born after January 1, 1972, must
31 complete a hunter education course prior to receiving a hunting
32 license. The department of natural resources (department)
33 recognizes certifications issued by another state, country, or
34 province for completion of a course that meets the standards
35 adopted by the international hunter education association —

1 United States of America as valid to satisfy the hunter education
2 requirement. The bill adds certifications issued by a nationally
3 recognized organization to the list of recognized certifications
4 that may fulfill the hunter education requirement.

5 The bill allows a person to satisfy the hunter education
6 requirement by completing an online hunter education course
7 offered or approved by the department. The bill states that an
8 in-person field day is not required but may be offered as an
9 optional supplemental opportunity.

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